

Release Note

Release Information

Product Platform: **Windows**

Product Version: **8.6**

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Windows 8.6

Introduction

Admin By Request for Windows 8.6 brings significant usability enhancements, customer-requested fixes, and a breakthrough solution for executable handling via the browser.

This release reflects our ongoing commitment to streamlining privilege management while addressing both user experience and enterprise control.

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Refer to the [Admin By Request Documentation Center](#) for full details on these new features or any other aspect of Admin By Request.

Prerequisites

Organizations wishing to evaluate endpoints running ABR for Windows 8.6 need the following:

- One or more devices running Microsoft **Windows 10** or higher.
- Credentials to access the Admin By Request portal at <https://adminbyrequest.com/login>.
- Admin By Request for **Windows 8.6** client software (Windows Endpoints), downloaded from the portal and available to each device.

Browser download elevation

Traditionally, launching downloaded executables directly from a browser was outside ABR's control, often bypassing the intended elevation flow.

With version 8.6, we provide seamless browser download handling across Chrome, Edge, and Firefox. When a user downloads and launches an executable from the browser, the new Admin By Request *Browser Extension* detects the action and routes it through the proper elevation flow, just as users would expect. This avoids the need for users to go to the downloads folder to install (although that option is always available).

Refer to [Installing Admin By Request](#) for more information.

System Tray improvements

The system tray icon has been optimized for speed and reliability - it now appears immediately when Explorer starts, ensuring a smoother user experience. Additionally, the tray icon automatically restarts if the process is unexpectedly closed.

Logged-in users who are Azure global and device administrators now see the correct red tray icon when the Entra connector is not configured.

In tray tools, the Network Adapters tray tool now correctly displays all Wi-Fi adapters, resolving previous visibility issues.

Refer to [Using Tray Tools](#) for more information.

Bug fixes and general improvements

A large number of bug fixes have been implemented in this release. Many of these address specific customer reports and have been communicated directly to the customers affected. The broader ABR community will also benefit from general improvements across the Windows product range.

How does the Update Process work?

Admin By Request software updates are deployed using our [Auto-Update](#) process. However, when we release a new version we do not deploy it right away to all customers via auto-update. This is simply to mitigate any unforeseen issues.

Our rule-of-thumb for a new release is to activate auto-update within **4 - 8 weeks** of release, but this is subject to change, depending on feedback and any potential issues that might arise.

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